

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-20 are pending.

§ 103 REJECTION – FISCHER, ISHIBASHI

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Fischer (European Patent Application No. 0586022 A1) in view of Ishibashi (U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0044786). Applicants respectfully traverse.

The U.S. filing date of the Ishibashi reference is March 12, 2001, which post dates the priority date of January 24, 2001 of the present application. Therefore, Ishibashi is not a valid prior art. A verified translation of the priority document will be submitted in due course to perfect the claim of priority.

Because Ishibashi is not a valid prior art, the rejection of claims 1-20 based on Ishibashi is also not valid. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-20 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in

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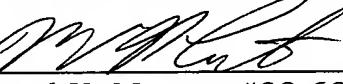
condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn (Reg. No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for a two (2) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$225 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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